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COUNTY RENEWS ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT WITH INTEL ***Five-Year Agreement Pledges Environmental Excellence***

(Phoenix) – The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors today approved an agreement to renew an important environmental project agreement with the Intel Corporation.

Project XL, or eXcellence and Leadership encourages corporations to find cost-effective ways to improve environmental performance. In March of 1995, Intel's facility in Chandler was selected as one of eight national XL pilot programs. The project has been immensely successful, providing significant environmental and economic benefits to Chandler and Maricopa County.

Benefits of the program include:

- An average of 180 million gallons per year of reclaimed wastewater,
- More than 17,000 tons of recycled solid waste in 2000, and
- User-friendly public accountability and reporting of environmental performance.

Maricopa County's Department of Environmental Services will regulate and monitor the air quality permit for the facility and will continue to work closely with Intel throughout the project. Environmental Services promotes environmental excellence through unique partnerships with cities, private business, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

"Maricopa County is proud to work with private industry to improve the quality of life for the residents of the Valley and protect our precious desert environment," says Maricopa County Board of Supervisors Chairman Jan Brewer. "We congratulate Intel and the other partners in this unique program."

District 1 Supervisor Fulton Brock says "Project XL has made a significant positive impact in the Southeast Valley both environmentally, and economically. It is a great model program that provides an important economic engine for the community and demonstrates Intel's ability to be a good neighbor."

"Through Project XL, Intel is setting new standards for environmental performance, public accountability, and trust," said Dave Olney, Site Development Manager for Intel Public Affairs.

Today's Final Project Agreement was put together by stakeholders, including local citizens, government regulators, environmentalists, and Intel engineers.

Maricopa County, the City of Chandler, the EPA, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, and the Gila River Indian Community will all sign the Final Project Agreement.